

Invasives have taken over our yards, parks, and community lands. The situation is dire for us, wildlife, and native ecosystems.....is this how we want our children and future generations to remember us?

Please consider:

Increase FY25 funds to support a program to stop the destruction of trees smothered by invasive vines. Community members have physically labored for years (all seasons) to remove these invasives, but these efforts are not enough.

Photo identification of these invasives to educate.

Provide community awareness to discourage intentional growth of invasives and/or responsibility to contain it within homeowners' property. Perhaps out of scope at this time, but please refer to HB0090 (Regulatory Powers - Regulation of Invasive Bamboo) which I believe is unfortunately not yet enforceable with penalties/fines. Enforcement is key.

We need to do more, now, to arrest this aggressive invasion so that our natural habitat can survive.

Thank you.